

2026 Air Quality Annual Performance Report noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding Glasgow's 2026 Air Quality Annual Progress Report (APR), advising

- (1) that the Environment Act 1995 required local authorities to regularly review and assess the air quality within their area of responsibility and this review and assessment process had been the basis of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) and compared current and future concentrations of key air pollutants against the objectives detailed in the regulations;
- (2) that in accordance with LAQM requirements, the APR considered monitoring data available since the last round of review and assessment, as well as assessing the impact from various potential sources of pollution, such as any major new developments;
- (3) that previous rounds of the LAQM review and assessment process had seen Glasgow declare 4 Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs), as detailed in the report, due to elevated levels of the air pollutants nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulate matter (PM₁₀);
- (4) of an update on actions to improve air quality, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that as a result of progress made to address pollution levels, improvements in air quality continued to be achieved with the city centre the only active AQMA in the city; and
- (6) of an update on the main pollutants of concern, the initial appraisal of the impact of the city's Low Emission Zone on pollution levels and the APR conclusions, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the

- (a) new data available on pollution levels;
- (b) continued assessment of the impact of the Glasgow Low Emission Zone on city centre pollution levels; and
- (c) continued compliance with statutory air quality objectives.